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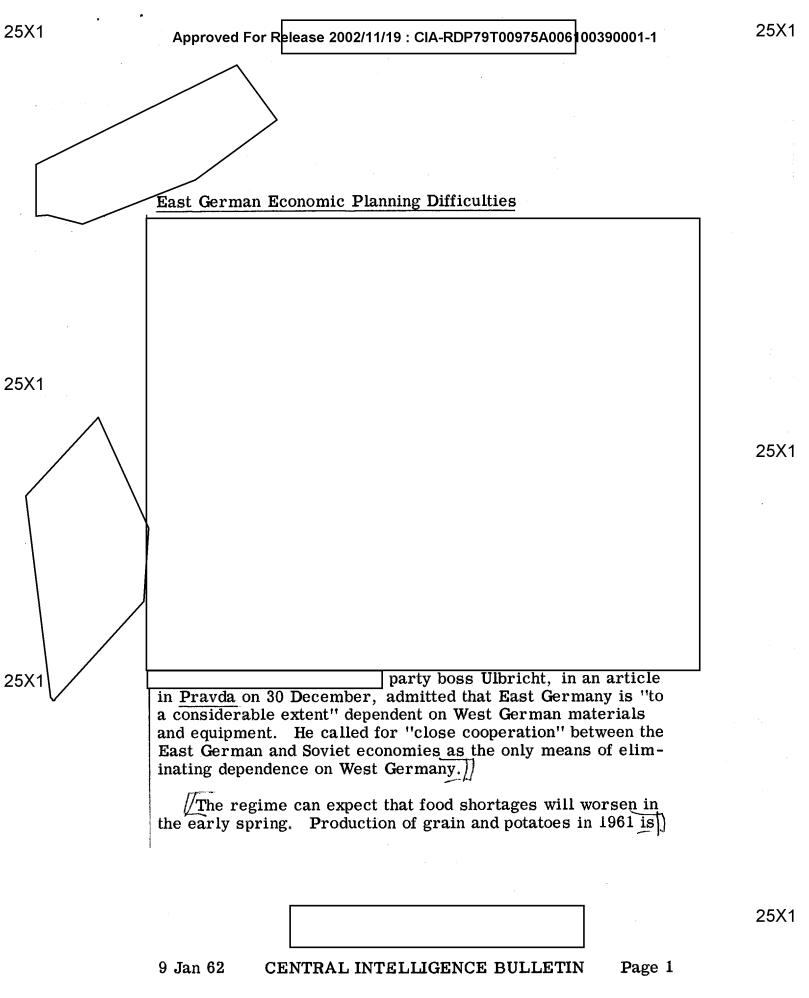
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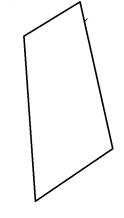
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estimated to have been as much as 10 to 12 percent below 1960. A shortage of fodder and the resulting necessity for slaughtering more animals than planned in 1961 will probably cause a decline in the number of animals available for slaughter next year. Further deterioration may force an extension of rationing, which has been in effect for some time on such items as butter, bread, and potatoes, to other items/

The cold weather in East Germany is compounding annual winter fuel problems. The regime has asked the public to conserve heat and has reportedly cut back the supply of gas for heating public buildings and factories in order to supply the population

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